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UNREST, DEPORTATIONS IN BULGARIA NOTED

Athens -- The second phase of the Kostov affair in Bulgaria is now being awaited. Actually the atmosphere in that country is not favorable to the Communist administrators, and it is believed that the Chervenkov government will be forced to adopt a policy of waiting. The Soviets are naturally not pleased by this decision and have insisted that a violent purge be conducted in the government ranks. They have, in fact, acted directly in the affair, sending specialists to the country to conduct the desired purge, the aim of which is a strong Bulgarian Communist Party.

The names of those already purged are noteworthy: Petko Kunin and Manoal Sakelarov, former cabinet ministers; Ivan Maslarov and Petur Semerdiev, former members of the Central Committee; General Penev, commander of People's Militia; General Slavcho Trnski, Third Army Commander; Anton Yugov, former Deputy Premier; and Dobri Terpeshev, former head of the State Planning Commission. Moreover, G. Tsankov has been sent to Sofia from Moscow to replace Interior Minister Rusi Khristozov.

The list of people purged could be extended even more, and new purges are expected. The members of the Bulgarian Communist Party are decreasing in numbers daily. Opposition to the government is increasing, and the people seem confused by the war preparations which the Soviets have had the Bulgarian government undertake. Although the official propaganda organization constantly speaks of peace, war material continues to arrive. The people are quite aware that Moscow's aim is to convert Bulgaria into a Soviet province.

To combat the spirit of resistance among the people, the Sofia government has decided to arm the active members of the Communist Party. The reliable elements of the party are being organized into units which shadow, arrest and deport suspicious persons. The Communists are also posting in every town lists of suspected individuals. The purpose of these black lists is to forestall any possible fifth column in the event of war.

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Mass deportations have begun in the border regions. The populations of the villages of Albanitsa, Zeskovo, Santovo, Koprivlen, and Gornakov in Nevrokop (now Gotse Delchev) Okoliya have been transferred to northern Bulgaria. Inhabitants of the Khaskovo and Kurdzhali okoliyas have been sent elsewhere in cattle cars. Ten families from the village of Ardino and 40 from Momchilgrad Okoliya have been deported. The people deported are being sent to areas such as Dobrudzha, Silistra, Ruse, and Tutrakan.

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